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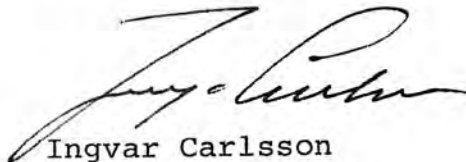
Dear Mr Azzam,

Thank you for your letter of January 30, 1989.

I am pleased to inform you that the Swedish Government has been in a position to contribute to the humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people since the beginning of 1980. This assistance has mainly been channelled through NGOs. We fully agree that it is now of utmost importance to continue this assistance in order to provide also adequate resources for the repatriation and rehabilitation of the Afghan refugees and the social reconstruction of Afghanistan. In this work the United Nations has an important role to play.

The Swedish Government has already contributed to the UN Afghanistan emergency trust fund administered by prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, and in this connection we have indicated that the Swedish contribution can be utilized for food, including transport and other necessities.

Yours sincerely,



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